

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

CHANGE IN HEARING DATE
PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Consideration of Adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements and Time Schedule Order
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)

for

PACIFIC COAST SPROUT FARMS, INC.
SACRAMENTO FACILITY
SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The Pacific Coast Sprout Farms, Inc. (hereafter Discharger) owns and operates a sprout farm Facility in Sacramento, California. The facility produces 3.5 million pounds per year of organic mung bean sprouts. Supply water is provided by an on-site water supply well. The water is used to irrigate and cool the bean sprouts during the growing stage, and to wash the bean sprouts upon completion of the growing cycle. Some additional washwater is produced during washing of equipment used for sprout growing. The facility may generate up to 104,000 gallons per day (gpd) of wastewater from irrigation and bean sprouts cooling, and 20,000 gpd of washwater from beans and equipment washing. This wastewater is discharged to a storm drain system that is owned and operated by the City of Sacramento. Waters in the storm drain system collect in a sump that is pumped to an open storm drain channel that carries the discharge and other runoff within the drainage area approximately one to two miles prior to discharging to Morrison Creek, a water of the United States and a tributary to the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. This proposed Order includes new effluent limitations for arsenic, fluoride, nitrate, and electrical conductivity. Because of limited effluent monitoring data, statistically projected maximum effluent concentrations seem to indicate the discharge is not able to consistently comply with the effluent limitations for arsenic, fluoride, and nitrate. Therefore, the proposed time schedule Order provides a time schedule for the Discharger to submit additional monitoring data and to implement management practices and source control measures necessary to minimize or eliminate sources of these constituents in its discharge within the life of the permit term.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting that is scheduled for:

DATE: 17 and 18 March 2005 (THIS IS A POSTPONEMENT BY ONE WEEK
FROM THE ORIGINALLY NOTICED DATE FOR THIS HEARING.)
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Board Office
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Representatives of Pacific Coast Sprout Farms, Inc.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **1 March 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **28 February 2005**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **28 February 2005** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on this proposed renewed Waste Discharge Requirements Order and Time Schedule Order should contact Renan Jauregui at (916) 464-4730. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer